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Tales of an Old Sea Port. By WILFRED HAROLD MUNRO. (Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press. 1917. Pp. 292. \$1.50 net.)

Bristol, Rhode Island, is the old sea port and the interest of this book here in the Pacific Northwest lie in the fact that nearly one-half of its pages are devoted to "Northwest John" (John De Wolfe) and the remarkable voyage of the *Juno*. This latter includes a cruise to the North Pacific and a journey through Siberia. He sailed from Bristol on August 13, 1804. The old sailor tells a fine story of remarkable experiences and closes as follows: "I arrived there [Bristol] on the 1st of April, 1808, and thus terminated an absence of three years and eight months. In two years and six months from the time of my departure, the owners were in receipt of the proceeds of the voyage, which resulted in a clear profit of one hundred thousand dollars."

California: The Name. By RUTH PUTNAM, with the collaboration of HERBERT I. PRIESTLEY. (Berkeley: University of California Press. 1917. Pp. 293 to 365.)

This is Volume IV., Number 4, of the *University of California Publications in History*. On first reading the title, one naturally recoils with the feeling that the late Dr. George Davidson had fully explained that topic in 1910 when the Geographical Society of the Pacific published his *The Origin and the Meaning of the Name of California*. However, Miss Putnam mentions that work on her first page and adds: "The following consideration of the question simply offers a fuller examination of the circumstances attending the discovery of Lower California, and of the possible way in which a term fabricated for fiction reached its dignified status on the map of America, after traveling up the coast from the point, until it covered the two Californias." She makes the fuller examination, comes to nearly the same conclusion as Dr. Davidson, but adds some valuable materials in two appendices giving emphasis to the need there was for this new study of the interesting theme.

Idaho: Its Meaning, Origin and Application. By JOHN E. REES. (Portland: The Ivy Press. 1917. Pp. 12.)

The pamphlet is a reprint from the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Volume XVII., Number 2. Mr. Rees was a resident near the Shoshoni Indians for forty years, and during fifteen of those years he was an Indian trader among them. He says the name Idaho comes from a